

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on January 29, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 286, 1/24/2009

Executive Action: SB 214, SJ 11

HEARING ON SB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:14 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 286, Revise milk control laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:38 Mark Meyer, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)
[EXHIBIT\(ags21a01\)](#)

00:12:10 Les Graham, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

00:14:11 Jock Anderson, Meadow Gold Dairies
[EXHIBIT\(ags21a02\)](#)

00:14:53 Tim Huls, President, Huls Dairy

00:16:27 Peter Wipf, Martinsdale Colony Dairy (MCD)

00:17:04 Sam Hofer, Surprise Creek Dairy

00:17:26 Ed Waldner, MMPA

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:19 William Hanson, Attorney, Country Classic Dairies, Inc.
(CCDI)

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a03\)](#)

00:25:05 Bill Tatarka, Chairman, Board of Directors, CCDI

Informational Testimony:

00:26:19 George Harris, Administrator, Centralized
Services Division, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:05 Sen. Hansen

00:27:26 Sen. Brown

00:27:53 Sen. Hansen

00:28:26 Mr. Harris, DOL

00:30:46 Sen. Hansen

00:30:57 Mr. Harris, DOL

00:32:52 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:33:01 Sen. Ripley

00:33:31 Mr. Harris, DOL

00:36:13 Sen. Ripley

00:36:33 Mr. Graham, MFB

00:38:16 Sen. Ripley

00:38:34 Mr. Wipf, MCD

00:38:57 Sen. Larsen
00:39:38 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:41:02 Sen. Larsen
00:41:11 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:42:07 Sen. Murphy
00:42:33 Mr. Graham, MFB
00:44:54 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:45:06 Mr. Graham, MFB
00:45:27 Sen. Ripley
00:46:05 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:47:21 Sen. Ripley
00:47:55 Mr. Hanson, CCDI
00:48:43 Sen. Hasen
00:49:34 Mr. Waldner, MMPA
00:50:03 Sen. Hansen
00:50:19 Mr. Waldner, MMPA
00:50:37 Sen. Jackson
00:51:26 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:53:09 Sen. Jackson
00:53:21 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:54:29 Sen. Hansen
00:54:53 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:47 Sen. Brown
01:01:27 Chairman Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 214

01:13:02 **Motion:** Chairman Steinbeisser moved that **SB 214 DO PASS.**
Motion: Chairman Steinbeisser moved that **SB 214 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT (ags21a04)

Discussion:

01:14:03 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:15:07 Sen. Ripley
01:15:46 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Sen. Brown and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.
01:15:57 **Motion:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 214 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:16:34 Sen. Jackson
01:16:48 Sen. Hamlett
01:17:08 Sue O'Connell, LSD
01:18:55 Sen. Hamlett
01:19:40 Sen. Jackson

01:20:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Sen. Brown and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 11

01:21:55 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:22:03 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SJ 11 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:31 Sen. Jackson
01:23:05 Sen. Hansen
01:23:33 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:23:42 Sen. Ripley
01:24:58 Chairman Steinbeisser

01:25:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Sen. Brown and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.

01:26:26 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:26:41 Sen. Ripley
01:27:08 Chairman Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ags21aad.pdf](#))